



The Singing Churchmen of Mississippi, with Dan C. Hall, of Jackson, directing, presented special music at the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference held Monday night at the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

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# Convention Opens Tuesday

## BOMBING THREAT SHOCKS SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

FORT WORTH (BP)—A mysterious caller threatened to set off two bombs at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, but the threat was not carried out.

"It shocked us plenty," said John Seelig, assistant to the president who received the call for President Robert E. Naylor who was away from the campus. The caller told Seelig the bombs were timed to go off between one and two p.m. Police entered the buildings but found no trace of the bombs and pronounced the threat a hoax.

"It may have been a hoax," said Seelig, "but our exit was plenty fast." All students, faculty and staff were out of the six on-campus buildings in 11 minutes.

## STATE RECEIPTS FOR '67-68 TOTAL \$3,670,490

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the Convention year ending Oct. 31 totaled \$3,670,490.93, according to A. L. Nelson, Jackson, treasurer and business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is an increase of \$297,638.06, or 8.8% over the \$3,372,852.87 given the previous year, according to Mr. Nelson and was the largest amount ever given in a single year in history, but it fell short of this year's goal by \$129,507.07.

Receipts for October, the last month of the Convention year, reached \$326,599.87, a decrease of \$45,799.64 under the amount given in October a year ago.

The recommended objective for 1968-69, to be voted on by the State Convention on Nov. 13, is \$4,200,000.

Rev. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship De-

partment, in pointing to the proposed \$4,200,000 budget for 1968-69, said it was the largest in history and takes this means of urging every church to make every effort so that it can be reached.

"It is within our reach if our people will rise up and meet the challenge," Mr. Alexander said.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

Cooperative Program funds are divided proportionately among all causes sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The division of funds for causes in Mississippi is determined by the Mississippi Baptist Convention while the division for the Southern Baptist Convention are determined by that convention.

## Evangelism Congress Purpose Presented

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — A nine-point statement of purpose for the U. S. Congress on Evangelism to be held here Sept. 8-14, 1969, was adopted by the congress' executive committee.

The congress, to which some 8,000 clergymen and laymen will be invited, will seek to:

— "Witness to the central fact that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has power to save people in this age, and that faith in Jesus Christ is the way of salvation for all."

— "Find anew the Biblical basis and strategy for evangelism through the urgent proclamation and teaching of the Gospel to each generation by a worshipping, witnessing and serving Church in which all believers once again declared boldly their faith in the risen Lord."

— "Teach believers how to do evangelism in the power of the Holy Spirit."

— "Experience a spiritual awakening within the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit."

— "Challenge the powers of darkness, spurring the churches to stimulate believers everywhere to mount a vigorous attack upon the forces producing misery, inequity, emptiness, discrimination, and other evils in our society, and to lift, wherever possible, the spiritual and temporal burdens of man."

— "Encourage the Church to develop and use modern and effective means for reaching people with the Gospel in all its relevance."

— "Demonstrate practical Christian unity through witness to the world that Jesus Christ is Saviour and Lord."

— "Confess together past failures; to assess together opportunities for evangelism presented by a burgeoning world; and to strengthen one another in the common task of reaching out to that world for Christ."

— "Reaffirm that Jesus, the Lord of the Church, is the Lord of history at whose re-

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The 133rd session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention opened Tuesday morning at 9:15 with the opening day scheduled to be one of the important days of the entire convention, to close Thursday night following a giant Youth Night session in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Claude Townsend, of Florence, president of the convention, delivered the keynote address to the body Tuesday morning, using as his subject, "How to Motivate Christians to Witness."

His message, slightly abbreviated, follows:

Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you already even unto the end of the world." The "Great Commission" commands that

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## Arthur Blessitt Rally Planned in Jackson

An evangelistic youth rally with everyone invited will be conducted Thursday evening, Nov. 14 at 10 p. m. on the Westland Plaza parking lot in Jackson next to Shoney's by Rev. Arthur Blessitt, well-known Baptist evangelist of Hollywood, California.

In making the announcement, Claude Townsend of Florence, said the rally would begin at 10 p. m., about an hour after adjournment of the annual Youth Night session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in the Mississippi Coliseum.

The rally is being sponsored by the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association of Hollywood.

Music will be directed by Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mr. Blessitt will be in Jackson as a featured speaker before the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Wednesday morning.

He operates an international gospel night club on Sunset Strip in Hollywood called "His Place."

Food and soft drinks are served free every night. There is preaching at midnight daily. His organization also operates a halfway house for converts who come from the streets.

Mr. Blessitt recently said that "young people are

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"Components In A Valid Witness" was the subject of the annual convention sermon

delivered Tuesday morning by Rev. James Richardson of Leland.

The complete text of the message is as follows:

Recently, while reading in a paperback volume that I had picked up somewhere, I was stopped by the words of a chapter heading "Can our kind of church change our kind of world?" Immediately I found myself adding implications: "Can our kind of Christianity, our kind of church, our kind of denomination change our kind of town, our kind of state, our kind of world?" Now, the need for change is apparent—no thinking person has to have this spelled out—and the mandate from Jesus is clear "You are the light, you are the salt...." It is also easy to note that we have more resources (manpower, money, know-how) at our disposal than we have ever had before. The answer to the question, then, seems to be in the affirmative. We can, and will we? It seems to me that our effectiveness depends not so much on the fact of our witness, but upon the kind of witness that we give.

In 1963, fifteen years ago now, I left New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Armed with a B. D. Degree, an awesome variety of notes, (which I still mean to whip into shape one of these days); high ideals and aspirations, I set out to try to serve the Lord.

Among my assets, I also had a large file of question marks: Like you, I wanted to be the best man, preacher, witness, pastor, leader, that it was possible for me to be. How was one to go about this? What really is involved in an

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# Men's Meet Officers; Hears Leaders

The Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference Monday re-elected officers and heard inspiring messages by Dr. Ray E. Roberts of Columbus, Ohio and Dr. David Dunavant of Memphis.

Officers reelected were Sidney Parker, of Magee, president; Jack Stanley of Jackson, vice-president; Ralph Reeves, McComb, recording secretary; Ralph Herrin, Collins, Baptist men's leader; Keith Allen, Greenville, Baptist young men's leader; Lee Ferrell, Jackson, Royal Ambassador leader.

God needs for our day men of conviction, men of courage and men who are consecrated, Dr. Ray E. Roberts of Columbus, Ohio, told the Conference Monday evening at the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Dr. Roberts, who is executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, speaking on behalf of the Crusade of the Americas, continuing, said:

"All of the courage is not demonstrated on military battlefields or in other arenas, but some of the most courageous people I have ever known were those who demonstrated real courage in following the commission of our Lord.

"In the area where Mississippi's people have already been helping and will do so even to a larger degree during the Crusade of the Americas there are some people who have been real heroes for God.

"When God has a real job that needs to be done he does not go to the loafing places on the drugstore corners or in the taverns where the spineless and weak kneed hank out.

"Rather he goes to the places where he can find real men who have backbone and courage.

"During recent weeks in our national life it has been obvious to us that there is no shortage of conversation. Everybody has plenty to say and they are hunting those who will listen to them.

"Conversation is plentiful and cheap. Conviction and consecration to carry out the assignment is scarce and these qualities plus a deep concern for lost humans to motivate us is the greatest need of our day."

Held At First Church

The conference was held at

the First Baptist Church in

Jackson, beginning at 3:30 p. m. and adjourning in time for the men to get to Daniel Memorial Baptist Church on Terry Road where the annual banquet was held at 5:30 p. m.

Presiding over the banquet was Jack Stanley of Jackson, vice-president of the conference.

The principal speaker was Dr. Loyd Corder, associate director of the Division of Missions of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

"Assisting" him was his dum-

my, "Joe the Baptist."

Sidney Parker, of Magee,

president of the conference,

was in the chair for the eve-

ning session.

Special music was given by

the Singing Churchmen of

Mississippi under direction of

Dan C. Hall, state Baptist mu-

sic director.

Speakers at the afternoon

session were Judge Carl

Guerney of the Hinds County

Youth Court and Jay Chance,

associate in the Brotherhood

Commission, Memphis.

## 4-Year Baccalaureate Nursing Program Set

approximately 35 students the first year. Any increase over that number in subsequent years will be determined by the availability of clinical accommodations and living quarters.

The inauguration of the Mississippi College School of Nursing will increase to three the number of four-year nursing schools in the state, while the phasing out of the Gilfoy School will reduce to two the number of diploma programs.

Students successfully completing their nursing education at the college will be awarded the bachelor of science degree in nursing. This

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## SBC Gifts Top \$42 Million

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention during the first 10 months of 1968 exceeded \$42.6 million, up \$2.4 million from last year's contributions, the convention's Executive Committee reported here.

The \$42.6 million includes \$21,729,272 given through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget, plus \$20,846,854 to designated mission causes primarily through special offerings.

The grand total for the year exceeds contributions for the same period last year by \$2,278,016, or 5.64 per cent.

Gifts to support the total work of the denomination through the Cooperative Program were up \$800,970 in comparison to the first 10 months of 1967, an increase of 4.28 percent. Designations for the same period increased \$1,287,046, or 7.09 per cent.

For the tenth consecutive month in 1968, Cooperative Program contributions for the month of October passed the \$2 million mark, with \$2,112,289 contributed during October. It is the first time in SBC history that Cooperative Program gifts have exceeded \$2 million each month through October in the fiscal year.

Of the \$42.6 million total, the biggest amount, \$26.5 million, has gone to support foreign missions through the SBC

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## Illinois Votes To Move State Headquarters

ZION, Ill. (BP) — The Illinois Baptist State Association meeting here voted to move its offices from Carbondale to Springfield, Ill., and approved purchase of a site near a major expressway in the state capital for \$150,000.

No date was set for the move, but the summer of 1971 has been suggested as a possible target date.

The new office building will be located in the Capital City Shopping Center at the intersection of the Adial E. Stevenson Expressway and U. S. Highway 66, in the southeast section of Springfield.

The convention voted last

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Dr. D. C. Applegate, (left), of Starkville, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who rotates off the board at the present convention, is given a plaque from the body signifying its appreciation for his services as chairman. Making the presentation is Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, chairman of the board's executive committee.



The board is seen in action at its pre-convention session Monday afternoon.

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# The Convention Opens

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complete when the evangelized become evangelists. The Holy Spirit uses you as a vessel through which to motivate others when you are willing for God's will to be done, and when you ask Him to show you His will. James 1:5, (paraphrased), "When you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him and He will gladly tell you."

Webster says that "motivate" means that you simply supply the ideas and emotions that cause a person to move himself. I think this is a good definition, because it simply tells what you do — just supply the ideas and emotions that cause, or persuade, a person to move. Would it surprise you to know that most people, in essence, tell me that motivate means to move someone or either get a person to do something? That, basically, is the result rather than a definition. Do you desire to be good at motivating Christians to witness?

In order to motivate others to share their Faith in God, let us think of reasons why they should: 1. Jesus commanded every Christian to witness, which reveals they can witness; 2. Prove to themselves their love for Him — I John 2:4, "He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him"; 3. The lost need Jesus; 4. Set the right example for others; 5. Strengthen their Faith in God; 6. Because the joys, benefits, and blessings are worth the efforts; 7. To glorify God; 8. Christ died for the lost — John 3:16; 9. God is a rewarder; 10. Spiritual security; 11. Peace of mind, contentment of heart and serenity of soul; 12. Jesus saved us to win others. John 20:21, "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"; 13. To experience the abundant life to the full till it overflows; 14. Love for the lost; 15. To live Christ-like in order to know the Truth and be free.

The only reason any Christian does not witness is fear or unbelief in God, which means he believes the devil. The Bible says that every Christian can witness and it is worth the sacrifice and efforts.

**Determination Needed**

Determination, expectation and enthusiasm are needed to be successful in motivating Christians to witness, which are strengthened with the positive mental attitude. Enthusiasm is the natural expression of the Holy Spirit in control. God drives you on to your goal when you are enthusiastic and have determination and expectation for success. The successful motivate rather than the failures. It was enthusiasm, expectation and determination to succeed that drove our forefathers to settle America.

Let us consider some motivating ideas. Your success in motivation is directly related to your belief in your innate ability and your will; which is relative to your concept of God. Plato said, "Know thyself," and the only way is to know God.

The greatest motivating factor there is is the knowledge that you can do it. When you believe you have the innate ability to motivate Christians to witness, and know you have the will to see it through, not only then you can, but you will.

We have all the time, all the brains, all the faith, and all the energy to do everything God expects us to do. Only the foolish say, "I can't do what I ought to do."

Motivating Christians to witness requires more I CAN than IQ, and more attitude than aptitude. God says you can and the devil says you can't. Which one do you believe?

What your mind conceives and your heart believes can be achieved. God does not let us believe we can do anything that we can not do. Mark 9:23, "If thou can't believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

**Overcome Limitations**

Successful men and women have no limitations. The reason, they have overcome them.

When you motivate yourself with a definite plan of successful Christian living, God begins to energize you. With additional prayer, meditation,

and desire you know what God wants you to do, and at the same time improve your working skill, which in turn provides you with the necessary experiences you need for successful adventure in motivating Christians to witness. Extraordinary effort is always worthwhile.

Your future is in your mind in the form of your beliefs, expectations, opinions, concepts, self-image, interest, courage, determination, and the view that you hold of your ability and potential.

When you consciously set your goal to motivate Christians to witness, the Holy Spirit and your subconscious mind direct you toward that goal, and when you unconsciously believe you are going to fail, your subconscious mind and the devil develop ways and means that cause you to fall.

**Humility** — Jesus said, "Humble yourself." Recognize the power and holiness of God; and your need for dependence on Him. Have you ever prayed, "Lord, make me humble?" God never has, and never will, make us humble. He gave us the desire to be humble. We must humble ourselves rather than have pride and try to elevate self above others. Humility conveys the proper emotion and it motivates.

**Love** is courtesy. Someone has said that this attribute is love in society. Gratitude rather than ungrateful, tact instead of being rude. Politeness, gratitude, tact, and courtesy are love in little things. The only way we can sincerely be polite is to love, otherwise we are a hypocrite.

It is the Christian that knows God who is healthy, happy, well-adjusted, and motivates rather than the one who knows about God. And the only way to know God is do what He said in His Word. He also knows that by the grace of God he has great worth and great dignity and is valuable to God for His work. He then begins to see greater meaning and greater purpose of life, which also gives him the "feeling" of being needed and wanted.

It is possible with God's help for you to motivate Christians to witness when you desire to and are willing to pay the price.

Consider now the idea of supplying the emotions to motivate. I am convinced that basically there are only two emotions, although some psychologists say there are more. One is love and the other is fear. God is love and the devil is fear. You may consider kindness, hate and others, but these are the result of love or fear.

Anything, as unbefit and fear, are of the devil. Love is positive, definite, and of God. Love reveals we believe God, and fear reveals we believe the devil. We should think of and possess the emotion of love. Psalm 34:4, "I sought the Lord and he heard me and delivered me from all my fears." When fear is eliminated, only love remains.

**Power Comes From God**

How do you acquire the emotion and power of love? Acts 1:8a, "And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost (controls) is come upon you." The emotion and power of love come from God when we obey Him. How can we tell when we obey God? Acts 1:8b, "And ye shall be witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." When

we obey the Spirit, we witness and seek to motivate others to witness, and when we do not witness or do not motivate others to witness, we are not controlled by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit motivates others through us to desire to share their faith in God when we are controlled by the Spirit and then we possess the emotion of love, and we motivate.

You must have the emotion of love and possess the attributes of love to be free for the Holy Spirit to control you. You motivate when you love. These attributes are found in the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Jesus said, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give my life a ransom for many." We must be generous and give our life as a "ransom for many" in order to motivate Christians to witness.

**Saturday Morning — 8:30**

Welcome Addresses and President's Message

**Saturday Afternoon — 1:30**

"God Within the Shadows" — William L. Hendricks, Southwestern Seminary

"What Direction BSU?" — Nell Magee, Student Department, BSSB, Nashville Dialogue Sessions

**Saturday Noon**

Special Music — Clarke College Singers

"Once To Every College Man" — Mr. Lancaster

**Sunday Morning — 8:30**

"Noble—to Side with Truth—in Time of War?" Dr. Hendricks

Business Session Dialogues

**Sunday Night — 7:00**

Presentation of 1969 Summer Missions Program

"Bloom or Blight in Our Nation" — James W. Phillips, ex-US Senator, Washington State

Special Music — Mississippi State BSU Choir



Miss Nell Magee



Miss Sarah Spain



James W. Phillips, Jr.



Rev. Ralph B. Winders

## State Baptist Student Convention

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL-NOV. 22-24

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Convention Music

Director — Claude H. Rhea, Jr.  
Organist — Jimmy Durham, Carey College  
Pianist — Susie Cook, Mississippi State University

## Friday Night — 7:00

WELCOME ADDRESSES AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DRAMA "TELL IT LIKE IT IS" — MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

SPECIAL MUSIC — WILLIAM CAREY CHORALE  
"SOME GREAT CAUSE" — WILLIAM W. LANCASTER, PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DECATUR, GEORGIA

## Saturday Morning — 8:30

"GOD WITHIN THE SHADOWS" — WILLIAM L. HENDRICKS, SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

"WHAT DIRECTION BSU?" — NELL MAGEE, STUDENT DEPARTMENT, BSSB, NASHVILLE DIALOGUE SESSIONS

## Saturday Noon

SPECIAL MUSIC — CLARKE COLLEGE SINGERS

"ONCE TO EVERY COLLEGE MAN" — MR. LANCASTER

## Saturday Afternoon — 1:30

"NOBLE—TO SIDE WITH TRUTH—IN TIME OF WAR?" DR. HENDRICKS

BUSINESS SESSION DIALOGUES

## Sunday Night — 7:00

PRESERVATION OF 1969 SUMMER MISSIONS PROGRAM

"BLOOM OR BLIGHT IN OUR NATION" — JAMES W. PHILLIPS, EX-US SENATOR, WASHINGTON STATE

SPECIAL MUSIC — MISSISSIPPI STATE BSU CHOIR



Dr. Claude Rhea



Nathan Porter

"BLOOM OR BLIGHT IN OTHER NATIONS" — SARAH SPAIN, EXPERIENCED JOURNEYMAN, COLOMBIA

## Sunday Morning — 8:30

SPECIAL MUSIC — MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE BSU CHOIR

"COMES MY MOMENT TO DECIDE" — NATHAN J. PORTER, EVANGELISM DIVISION, HOMES MISSION BOARD, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

## 4-Year Nursing Program Set

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will increase to six the number of bachelor degrees available at the college.

The college is also giving serious consideration to establishing a curriculum leading to the master of science degree in nursing if this is done.

what he preaches. A sincere Christian works steadily rather than inconsistently, and praises people rather than bragging on self and expecting people to pat him on the back.

## Should Set Example

To motivate another Christian to witness you must first set the right example of witnessing yourself, then go with him and let him see and feel the emotion involved in your leading a person to Jesus and see him accept Jesus as Lord of life. Go with him until he has confidence in himself and then you and he find another Christian to go with each of you until they are ready to find someone to go with them. This is New Testament Christianity, and with this method the world can be led to Christ.

He said, "The increased demand for nursing is quite evident today," continued Pryor, pointing out the increasing number of hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, public health nursing and other related areas.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College, called the scheduled establishment of a School of Nursing as another definite step toward university status for the college. He said the new school will have its own dean, plus a beginning faculty of approximately five specialists. Professors currently on the college faculty will be teaching the general courses taken by the student nurses.

"This offers a unique opportunity for Mississippi Baptists to participate in the cooperative ventures of teaching and healing," said Dr. Nobles.

"There are many advantages to be found in such an association," continued the president, "with perhaps the foremost being that both institutions stress the Christian ethic in all of their programs."

"Couple this with the geographical proximity of the college and the hospital, the combined facilities available,

the interpersonal relationships with individuals that both have in common, the vigor of a new program coupled with the stability of a college and a hospital with

many years of service, and you have a combination that will be difficult to match, either in heritage or destiny."

## Trend Endorsed

be using the laboratory and classroom facilities of the building for their science courses, while other classes will be scheduled in other buildings located over the campus.

The building now occupied by the Gilfoyle School of Nursing will be converted to a minimum care unit for use by the hospital. Some of the facilities will be kept intact for use by other training programs at the hospital.

Mississippi College, founded in 1826, is the oldest Baptist institution of higher learning in the state and the second oldest in the country. The School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital was established in 1911, with the name being changed to Gilfoyle School of Nursing in 1954 in honor of Karenza Gilfoyle.

## Smith Reverses Wet Vote—Four Counties Out Of Five Vote Dry

By J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director

Christian Action Commission

Local Option Elections were held on November 5th in Newton, Rankin, Pike, Prentiss and Smith Counties. Smith County votes were 3,280 dry and 2,057 wet, for a margin of 1,237, as against a margin of 150 for the wet two years ago. Rev. W. H. Merritt served as chairman of the dry forces.

However, since the vote turnout was larger because of the presidential election, the Rankin County comparison would be better. The 1968 vote was 6,717 dry with 5,882 voting wet, or a margin of 835 votes. In 1966, the vote was 2,879 wet to 3,548 dry, or a margin of 669. Rev. J. C. Renfroe was the dry chairman.

The Newton County vote was 4,591 dry with 2,448 wet, for a margin of 2,143. Dr. Charles Melton and Dr. Hardy Denham served as co-chairmen of the dry forces.

The Prentiss County vote was 4,324 dry to 2,457 wet, for a margin of 1,867. Earl Greene, Booneville, was the chairman for the dry forces.

Pike County voted wet with 5,602 votes to 5,126 votes for the dry. Rev. Jimmy Hodges served effectively as chairman of the United Drys. Pike County had voted dry in 1966.



## To Sing Thursday At The Convention

The Chorus of Blue Mountain College, conducted by Dr. Brooks Haynes, on Thursday, November 14, during the afternoon session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in Jackson, will render the special music. Pictured are the members of the Chorus, the conductor, at right, and the organ accompanist, G. Edward Ludlow, at left.



'Thou Shall Not'

SAN ANTONIO — When parking in downtown San Antonio reached the point where the average motorist was ready to steal car-space, St. Joseph's church was forced to protect its parking lot with this commandment—(RNS Photo)

# The Convention Sermon: "A Valid Witness"

(Continued from page 1) effective witness? What makes for a valid, sound witness? A degree, notes, desire, knowledge of where to find things, willingness to work — was this enough? I set out to see, and got confused right away. One week I would have hours to spend preparing to preach, and things would go well. Another week I would have hours and the sermon would bomb. Again, I would get caught in crises and involvements that kept me from study and one time I would, unprepared, preach with strange and satisfying power. Yet, another time my unpreparedness was clearly evident as I tried to get through as fast as I could. The same inconsistency I found to be true in attempts at personal witness, soul-winning, in pastoral counseling, in church leadership, and I found myself agonizing over the question again: What is involved in valid Christian service?

The question is more pressing now than it ever was. There are strange pronouncements from high places, haunting, urgent cries of need, and radical differences of opinion concerning directions of service. Added to this there is the hard fact of the declining influence of Christianity in our society, and all this in the face of the most crying need for Jesus Christ that our world has ever known. What does it take, what is involved for me, for my church,

for Mississippi Baptists, for our denomination?

In the years since those early days I have become more sure that there will always be unanswered questions but I feel that I have learned one or two things about this matter. I believe that each man, each church, each denomination has to work out an individual method and this almost daily. I believe that there is a "currentness" involved and that valid service is never automatic or mechanical. Whether in preaching, teaching, witnessing or helping in any manner in His name, when valid witness takes place there are always at least three things involved, maybe many more, but at least three.

#### Need "Burning Hearts"

The first thing which I believe is always involved in a valid witness for Jesus Christ is a quality that I have chosen to call a "Burning Heart." This is something akin to the expression given by the great, majestic Jeremiah at a time when he could get no hearing in his attempts to give witness. Listen to his words: "And I can't quit! For if I say I'll never again mention the Lord, never more speak in His name, then His word in my heart is like a fire that burns in my bones, and I can't hold it any longer."

This burning heart is a compulsion that is definite, many times urgent and always recurring. One of my sons expressed the idea one day. He must have been about five years old and had been rolling around on the fresh cut lawn when I heard him crying angrily, impatiently. He had had a bad day and had carelessly let everybody in on it, so my patience was thin at that point also. "What is the matter with you now?" I asked. His reply was classic: "Every time I get through scratching, I start itching again."

Whether in preaching or teaching or telling or listening or even being if this is real it involves on our part a burning, caring heart. Could this be what Paul meant when he said "No matter if I can preach like an angel, or if I give my body to be burned, or if I give away everything I have—no matter if I am gifted or smart or have a fine reputation — if I do not care so much because of Jesus that it motivates every thing that I do — it is all useless and no good."

A valid witness always involves a burning heart that will never let us rest unless we serve Him well.

A second ingredient in a valid witness is another kind of heart, a "Directed Heart." This was the thing that made the difference in the life of the great apostle Paul. We would not have known about his encounter on the dusty Damascus road had it not been for his directed heart.

When he asked "What will you have me to do?" he responded: "Where shall we fit into your plan as we face the screaming issues of our day, the con-

cealed God's purpose for him for right then, and for two thousand years Christians have been grateful for this surrender.

A directed heart has to do with the "newness" of witness. It is my deep feeling that this is the only thing that will keep us from fitting our ministry to power structure, local or national, the only thing that will protect us from prevailing notions or current fashions in theology or culture. A directed heart is the only thing that will save us from empty piosity, meaningless programming, sterile denominationalism, frightened sectionalism, bigoted near-sightedness or deliberate blindness. The fresh wind of His will for us now will be the determining factor in our witness.

So the question pushes on: "What will you have us do now — me, my church, Mississippi Baptists, Southern Baptists — about:

pew caloused, sermon-stuffed pagans lost, disenchanted, alienated men and women shouting, nose-thumbing, searching young rebels a scornful, secular society that couldn't care less about a gentle man who died on a cross on a hill far away?"

The question persists: "Where shall we fit into your plan as we face the screaming issues of our day, the con-

cealed God's purpose for him for right then, and for two thousand years Christians have been grateful for this surrender.

**Direction Comes**

"What will you have us to do?" There can be no valid witness without this direction from the Living One to Whom we witness, but where the question is honestly posed, the direction comes.

The final component of a sound witness which I would mention today is another kind of heart — "A Wistful Heart". Do you remember Hadad, the Edomite? Hadad was a prince in the royal family of Edom during the time of David. As a child he escaped Joab's slaughter of the Edomites and fled to Egypt. In Egypt he was taken into the royal circle. Later he married the sister of the Queen of Egypt. Their son was born in Pharaoh's palace. Just as soon, however, as David died, Hadad had an unquenchable yearning to go back home. He had grown up in the palace in Egypt, he had everything a man could want, yet he said to Pharaoh "Just let me go."

Here is a man whose heart is homesick, wistful for home. He is not sure what it is that he wants, he only knows that he must try to find it, at any cost.

No matter where God places us for service there will be people with wistful, homesick hearts. Barth called it an "in-

curable Godlessness" and every man on the face of the earth has this blessed affliction. I found it in the deep eyes and eager conversation of a middle aged Israeli as we talked quietly on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. I saw this wistfulness in the clear blue, misted eyes of an adolescent boy as he talked to me about mysterious tides moving within him. I heard it trembling in the voice of an ancient, shriveled old man as he lay in a hospital bed, his gnarled fingers plucking at the coverlet of life. All about us there are wistful, homesick hearts, and here is the balancer in the witness equation. Every time a valid witness takes place, it is involved with a wistful heart.

#### Service Can Be Rendered

When, under His direction and guidance burning hearts and wistful hearts are brought together, His service can be rendered. But there is yet another fail and know it? Could it other question. Why do we so be that our hearts are often homesick, too? On the Emmaus Road that day after the resurrection of Jesus two men walked with him and later said "Our hearts burned within us as he talked." Their plight was typical. At the bottom of all our troubles lies unrelaxing in our Christian experience. It is so very important that our hearts be warmed because wistful hearts keeps crying unheeded until Christian hearts are warmed. How

can this come about? Jeremiah said that God did it! The two at Emmaus said that walking with Him did it! So it seems that it is a constant thing, a daily thing and all wrapped up with promises. Only as we walked with the one who keeps hearts afire can we make a valid, sound wrapped up with promise world.

We can, thank God, if we will!"



LICENSED — Lowell Johnson has been licensed to the Gospel Ministry by the Verona Baptist Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson of Verona. After graduating from Shannon High school he attended Itawamba Jr. College and then spent six months on active duty service in National Guard. He is now attending Blue Mountain College and is available for supply preaching. The pastor at Verona is Rev. Jim Futral.

## W. Dewey Moore, SBC Missioner, Passes Away

Dr. W. Dewey Moore, 70, pioneer Southern Baptist missionary to Italy, died November 5 in Thalwil, Switzerland, where he and his wife were visiting a daughter prior to returning to the States. They had retired August 1 after 31 years of missionary service.

Miss Marylu Moore, missionary in Rome, Italy, cabled news of her father's death to the Foreign Mission Board. The message contained no information on funeral or burial arrangements.

When Dr. Moore and Mrs. Moore were appointed missionaries in 1937, he quoted the apostle Paul: "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome." He carried out this pledge for three decades. During the 1967 meeting of the Italian Baptist Union, Dr. and Mrs. Moore were honored for their "dedication and sacrifice."

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Marylu, Mrs. Saverio Guarra, of Thalwil, Switzerland, and Mrs. George Freeland, of Alexandria, Ky.; and a son, William Dewey Moore, Jr., of Rome.

## Arthur Blessitt - -

(Continued from page 1) searching for the truth, a deep spiritual experience, not a new Mustang or a bigger bank account."

He said he had seen young people hooked on drugs kick the habit immediately upon acceptance of Christ.

Mr. Blessitt, a native of Louisiana, is a graduate of Mississippi College.

In case of inclement weather, Mr. Townsend said the rally would be held at the Robinson Street Baptist Church, corner of Robinson Street and Ellis Avenue.

## Illinois To Move Headquarters

(Continued from page 1) year to relocate, but postponed until this year a decision on the site. The offices have been located in Carbondale since 1930.

The convention authorized its Board of Directors to work with the relocation committee in securing an architect, preparing specifications, and selling the present Baptist Building and adjacent property in Carbondale.

In exchange for a long-term lease for a Baptist Book Store, the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has tentatively agreed to assist with financing.

In other major actions, the convention adopted a report of its restructure committee



Baptism In Brazil

MISSIONARY N. MACK SHULTS (left) baptizes in the Paraguassu River in the state of Bahia, Brazil. The two men, with five women and two children baptized the same day, are affiliated with the Baptist mission in the village of Itatim, about 15 miles from the river. — (Photo by Roberta E. Hamp-ton)



Baptismal Service In Chickasaw County

Since Rev. Carl Morris moved to the Amity Church, Chickasaw County, from Midway in Calhoun County, there have been nine professions of faith at Amity, as well as other additions to the church. Mr. Morris, his wife, Betty, and their four children, Leon, Nell, Randy, and Donna, moved to Amity in June. During Vacation Bible School there were two professions of faith. Then during the summer revival there were six professions of faith. The week following the revival, those baptized were Lucy Hili, Charles Eaton, Thomas Martin, Eddie P. Brents, Larry Brents, Debbie Eaton, and Patricia Brand. Shortly afterwards Judy Martin made a profession of faith and was baptized. Shown above are Judy and Pastor Morris at the baptismal service.

which recommended reorganization of the 72-member Board of Directors into four major committees instead of 11, and authorized a special state convention next May to consider constitution changes necessary for the reorganization. If the revised constitution is approved in May, it must get second approval at next year's regular convention.

A 1969 budget of \$1,292,501 was adopted by the state Baptist association. The budget includes a Cooperative Program goal of \$1 1/4 million, which would allocate 37 percent, an increase of one percent, to support Southern Baptist world mission causes.

The convention also voted to sell the Baptist Student Center at the University of Illinois at Champaign. The present center has dormitory space and meal service, and the convention voted to use \$250,000 of the proceeds from sale to build or purchase another center with space only for student activities and Bible classes.

Seek the truth—come whence it may — lead where it will.

Every artist was first an amateur. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

An education should include knowledge of what to do with it.

## Blue Mountain "Quest For Quality" Has Encouraging Initial Response

By Chester E. Swor

Chairman

Through the columns of our Baptist Record several months ago, we shared with you the news of the launching of the QUEST FOR QUALITY, an effort by friends of Blue Mountain College to increase the resources of the college for continuing and expanding the century-long program of quality education offered by the college. The plan is a five year schedule of pledging and giving, culminating in the 1973, the 100th birthday of the college.

The initial response to the QUEST FOR QUALITY has been gratifying. Cash gifts for \$25,000, \$15,000, and for lesser amounts have come. Also, many pledges for the five year period and a fine number of one-time gifts have been made. Now that the new school year has begun, we are renewing our appeal to alumnae and other friends of Blue Mountain College to become participants in this stimulating effort.

#### Almost A Century

Ninety-five years ago this fall, General M. P. Lowrey and his daughters welcomed the first group of girls to Blue Mountain College. For almost a century since that eventful fall in 1873, the college has prepared young women for resourceful living.

Literally around the world the alumnae of the college have gone as Christian homemakers, carriers of the torch of Christian culture, and missionaries of the good news of wholesome Christian living and serving. In the midst of tremendous pressures and challenges, Blue Mountain's alumnae have revealed resources of character strength and creativity which they developed largely during their Blue Mountain College days.

Ninety-five years later, the need for well-prepared Christian women is more urgent than ever before, and Blue Mountain College wants to gather strength in the five remaining years of her first century in order to enter the second century of service with strengthened resources.

#### Individual Appeal

The appeal of the QUEST FOR QUALITY will not be made through the churches, but to individuals and to business and industry. Therefore, we of the QUEST staff wish you to regard these lines as a personal invitation to you to pledge a definite amount for the 1968-1973 period. Or, if you should feel that you can send only a one-time gift, your doing so will be your vote of confidence in the future of Blue Mountain College.

"It's Not My School"

"But," you say, "I am al-

ready giving to another of our Mississippi Baptist colleges; and, after all, I am not a graduate of Blue Mountain."

Let this writer's suggestion bring another thought to your mind: the author of this article has already contributed twice during 1968 to both Mississippi College and William Carey College in addition to his pledge to Blue Mountain College, and he is today mailing a contribution to Clarke Memorial College. Furthermore, he intends to contribute each year to all four of our colleges, even though the gifts will have to be modest ones. It is understandable that your larger gifts may go to one of our four colleges; yet, even modest gifts to the other three colleges would give to you the wholesome feeling

that you are strengthening all of our Baptist schools.

**Now Is The Time!**

There is no time quite so appropriate as NOW for sending your pledge or one-time gift to Blue Mountain College. Your gift will be a blessing to the college, which has been a blessing to our world for 95 years. You may address your communication to THE QUEST FOR QUALITY, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi (38610).

TODAY, PERHAPS? PLEASE DO!

P.S.—If, perhaps, you're still not fully persuaded, at least write to Blue Mountain College to request a free copy of the impressive brochure explaining the QUEST FOR QUALITY.

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

provides funds for 19 different agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Funds are distributed to the agencies on a formula and budget adopted by the convention in annual session.

The totals reported by the SBC Executive Committee reflect only contributions given to Southern Baptist Convention (nation-wide) causes, and do not include amounts given to support local and state missions.

## Evangelism - -

(Continued from page 1)

turn "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Evangelist Billy Graham is honorary chairman for the congress. Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is chairman of the national committee.

The Baptist leader focused most of his attention on Jerusalem, the cradle of three great religions — Christianity, Moslem and Jewish.

He said to declare Jerusalem an international city would create many political complications although there is a great deal in favor of such a move.

Whether Jerusalem is made an international city or not, it ought to be available to Moslems, Jews and Christians, all of whom look to Jerusalem as peculiarly theirs."

Criswell said Jerusalem looks as though there had never been a war there. Restoration is complete. The holy places were not disturbed.

During a press conference, Criswell was asked what he thought about the bombing halt in Vietnam and if he thought it was politically inspired.

"I pray that this is an introduction to peace," he said. "I pray that it is not a political move but I don't think it is. Our national leaders would not use the lives of thousands of American boys as part of a political strategy."



Pictured are the four men who were rotated off the Christian Action Commission at the current session of the State Convention. They are (from left to right): Rev. W. G. Watson, Clinton; D. B. Courtney, Florence; Rev. Ivor Clark, Macon, and Rev. James Walker, Flora. The Commission members and their wives were honored at a reception given by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the commission, and Mrs. Hensley at their home in Jackson Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The retiring members were presented with plaques commemorating their service to the Commission.

## THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Thursday, November 14, 1968

**The Baptist Record**

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

**A Disturbing Issue**

The most disturbing issue facing Southern Baptists is social action. Since the adoption of the social action statement at the convention in Houston, last June, there has been much debate and discussion concerning it in Southern Baptist news media, and consideration of the matter by Southern Baptist agencies. Some division now is appearing as to what position Southern Baptists should take in implementation of the Houston statement.

It seems that three distinct points of view are being presented, with some variations in each of the three general classifications. There are activists who feel that the convention immediately should enter the social action field with vigor and force; there are those who feel that the convention should continue to give its major emphasis to evangelism and missions, but should evidence greater concern in social areas. Finally, there are those who believe that the church should stick to the gospel and stay out of the social action field entirely. Each of these positions has many adherents, but probably most Southern Baptists would avow that they hold the second position.

Much of the opposition to major action in the social field grows out of a fear that the convention could be following in the footsteps of those conventions and groups of churches which practically have abandoned personal evangelism altogether, and are giving their major emphasis to social action. They have substituted this for what many believe is the true gospel message and purpose.

These issues are creating some friction in the convention, and if this continues and grows, it could bring serious problems for the whole program, and for some of the agencies. It seems that Southern Baptists and their agencies must find now the path in which God wants them to walk and stay in it. Some Baptists, including some leaders, have such strong convictions that Southern Baptists must become more involved in social action, that this has become the major issue about which they speak and write. At the same time resistance to this position is growing, and a serious

conflict seems inevitable, unless an answer can be found.

This conflict was brought to the fore in the recent Congress on Evangelism in Washington, when one of the speakers, a trusted Southern Baptist leader, made the charge in his speech that the Baptist press is seeking to socialize the convention. We are sure that this leader did not realize how this statement was going to sound to his audience, or he might have framed it in different words. Perhaps he would have said "some" of our press is trying to lead into social action. But whether he would have said that or not, we are confident that he was reflecting the things that he hears preachers and laymen say as he travels the convention territory. He did not create the problem, but simply brought it to the fore, for some of the publications have been giving major emphasis to social action, and much criticism has developed concerning it.

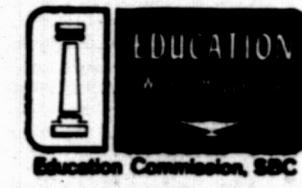
Of course, some leaders say that the Houston statement was a mandate for social action. Actually, while the convention did ask the Home Mission Board to lead in implementation of the statement, that was not a mandate to greatly change the mission program, since the Home Board already had been working in the social action field in its ministries. Moreover, a vote of about 32% of the messengers at the convention, with almost half of the messengers abstaining, hardly can be considered a mandate for major change.

What is the right thing to do? The second course of action listed above, probably represents the position of most Southern Baptists. They want the churches and the convention to continue to major on preaching the gospel, and center all other work around that, but at the same time they do believe that there must be efforts to meet the social needs to the world. However, they definitely do not want the latter to become the major program of the denomination and its agencies. They want this concern to be a by-product of, and not a substitute for, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As long as Southern Baptists and their agencies hold to this position, they will continue to have the support of the churches and people. If they substitute something else for it, they will find that Southern Baptists simply will not support them.

**PEOPLE DON'T** stop playing because they get old, but they get old because they stop playing.—Herbert Spencer.

"I HAVE DONE nothing for Thee yet, and I would like to do something."—Livingstone.



A study of the economics of private universities has just been published by William G. Bowen, Princeton provost and economist. He finds little to smile about in their financial futures.

"Given the mission of a major private university," Provost Bowen writes, "standing still (let alone leaning backward) simply is not a viable posture. . . . Any institution which is unable to maintain a forward momentum runs a clear risk of losing the support of faculty, prospective students, patrons, and friends."

"Not even the most pessimistic observer," he writes, "would forecast the demise of any of these institutions within the foreseeable future. . . . The danger is. . . . that they will be unable to continue to meet their current responsibilities, let alone to develop in step with national needs."

Some of Mr. Bowen's forecasts:

(1) A 7½ percent per year increase in the instructional cost per student.

(2) A 40 percent increase in enrollment over the next 10 years.

(3) No corresponding increase in higher education's "productivity."

(4) Diminishing returns from fund-raising activities.

Colleges and universities will enroll some 6.7 million students this fall. That's a new high, an increase of 6.3 percent over last year. Other estimates, all from the U. S. Office of Education:

(1) Expenditures for higher education will total some \$20.4 billion. Of this amount, \$12.2 billion will be spent by public institutions, \$8.2 billion by private institutions.

(2) The instructional staff members will total 504,000 this year. Last year the total was 481,000.

(3) 750,000 bachelor's and first professional degrees will be awarded. That's about 60,000 more than were awarded in the 1967-68 period. About 160,000 master's degrees and 24,000 doctorates will be given.

Life in my college. May I graduate well, and earn some honors. — Louise May Alcott

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortunes, but great minds rise above them. — Washington Irving

It is a pity that so many get a college training without getting an education.—Washington Post

**New Books**

**GOD REIGNS** by James Leo Green (Broadman, 178 pp., \$4.50)

In January 1969 Southern Baptist churches will use the book of Isaiah for their January Bible study emphasis. Here is one of the splendid volumes now available which can be used as companion studies for that special week. At the same time, this is a commentary which will be useful in the Bible student's library. The author is a professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina and a popular speaker all over the Southern Baptist Convention. The first chapter deals with the book and its authorship. The second chapter deals with the prophet, the third tells of his encounter with God in Isaiah 6, and the fourth and following chapters deal with the book chapter by chapter and almost verse by verse. Dr. Green presents a clear interpretation of the passages and provides most helpful comment and illustration of them.

**QUIT BUGGING ME** by Barbara Jurgensen (Zondervan, paperback, 95 cents).

Mrs. Jurgensen gives sparkling answers to questions and statements of young people. — "If God is good, why does He let wars go on in this square?" "Why should I give world?" "Our church is up so many things! I want to enjoy life!" She uses an amusing cartoon character to speak to young about what is "bugging" them.

**THE NEO-MARRIED** by Howard Hovde (Judson Press, paperback, 154 pp., \$2.95)

This is a counseling book for couples in the first few years of their marriage. It raises questions which the newly married often encounter, discusses the questions, and provides abundant resources for study. The author, a graduate of Baylor and of Southern Seminary, is presently chaplain and teacher at Rick's Institute, Monrovia, Liberia.

**LIVING LESSONS OF LIFE AND LOVE** paraphrased by Kenneth N. Taylor (Tyndale House, 145 pp., \$2.95)

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groups beginning with Roman Catholics. The author has done very thorough research in showing the rise and development of sprinkling and infant baptism and discusses the problems that doctrine raises in the ecumenical atmosphere. He concludes that the position of some other scholars that both positions—infants and believers baptism—must be accepted if ecumenism is to succeed. Such a position, if adopted widely by Baptists, (which will not be done) would mean the end of distinctive Baptist witness. However, the ecumenists want that anyway.

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# How To Register Effective Protest

By John Alexander  
Director  
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MBCB

No individual, church, Commission, Board or Convention is perfect. He who thinks he isn't criticized has his head in the sand. All who serve in places of public trust need their brine bathes regularly. However, a wise leader is willing to listen respectfully to other points of view.

From time to time every Baptist feels the urge to register disagreement with another individual, his church, a Commission, Board or Convention. The question is: How can this be done effectively without causing harm to either the protester or the greater cause involved. Several suggestions may be helpful.

First, recognize the fact that normally other Baptists don't have horns and walk around in a red suit and forked tail. They, too, are human and are willing to listen to legitimate disagreement with their actions or point of view.

Second, before you register any protest, get all the facts

available. It is terribly embarrassing to get out on a limb and discover your information is incorrect or incomplete. Information is available and can be secured with little effort. Go directly to the top man for your information. Never talk to a sergeant when a general is available. Recently I heard a pastor read a statement of protest before a convention-wide group. He was received courteously as any person would be. When he finished, the leader of a Convention Agency quietly and courteously pointed out several errors in his statement. You see, he had the wrong information! He lost his case and embarrassed himself and his church.

Third, before you openly register protest, talk to wise and informed people. Your Superintendent of Missions will listen. Mature pastors have the wisdom of experience. They will listen. Your state leadership is always glad to discuss with you any problem you face. Responsible S. B. C. leaders will always take time to counsel with you and furnish information you desire. Half-

Fifth, pray for guidance. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God... and it shall be given him." James 1:5. You may have all the facts but not the wisdom to use them constructively.

Sixth, contact the responsible person. Make your contact in person if possible. Use a letter as a last resort. Print can be cold and callous. If you must write, prepare your letter carefully. Normally you are dealing with a well educated person. You can find something good to say about anybody. Express appreciation before disagreement. Speak softly. Be positive. Show a better way. After you have written this type of letter, put it aside for a day or so and then read it again before putting it in the mail. You may want to change some of your words.

The Golden Anniversary Club includes six churches. The churches who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary are: Brewer of the Perry Association; Calvary of Chocaw; Crosby of Mississippi; Enterprise of Union, Riverside of the Leflore and Short Creek of the Yazoo. These churches are born the year World War I ended. You may want to change some of your words.

Last, withdraw financial support only when every other method of protest fails. If you are a pastor, hopefully God placed you in a position of trust and leadership. Have you ever been wrong, made a mistake, held an idea with which others disagreed? Whom did you appreciate most among your membership at a time like this; the member who got mad and ceased giving to the church, or the member who privately discussed the matter with you? Who has given you a prayerful support in correcting the matter? In almost every church there are a few members who are just waiting for someone to give them an opportunity to oppose missions. They are basically anti-

truths are partial lies. "For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety." Prov. 24:6

Fourth, before you make any move, place yourself in the other person's position. Try to look at the problem from his position of responsibility or point of view. Remember the golden rule. Be certain that you are trying to correct a situation, not attack a person whom you dislike. Look deeply into your own heart and recognize that you could be wrong! Beware lest you say, "... they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." S.S. 1:6. Be careful that your attitude reflects the mind of God, not the current thinking of your community.

Invite the person with whom you or someone in your church disagrees, to visit you or your church at an appropriate time to discuss the matter.

Go yourself or take a group from your church to interview the responsible person with whom you disagree. He will welcome your visit.

Make available to your members individually the names and addresses of persons, Commissions, or Boards with whose ideas or actions they disagree and give them help in writing effective letters of protest. Be careful not to spread discontent among your membership. The Bible says something about the person who sows discord among brethren.

## "Religions In America" Kit Is Available

NASHVILLE—A new visual aid for church training and general study use has been prepared by the church training department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The Religions in America Kit" is available for condensed studies, comparisons, reviews and group discussions.

The histories and structural organizations of twelve denominations are covered in bold print text, illustrations of church symbols and comparative charts.

Requests for this supplement can be made through the Church Literature Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203.

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**SHOVELS OF SAND** fly as construction begins on the Walsh Medical Center at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Participating, left to right, are seminary President Robert E. Naylor, Student President Charles Lloyd, Contractor Herman Smith and F. Howard Walsh, seminary trustee for whose family the new structure will be named. (Photo by Dave Clinton)

## SEMINARY BREAKS GROUND FOR WALSH MEDICAL CENTER

FORT WORTH, Texas — Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Walsh Medical Center were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 6, on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Gordon Maddox, seminary physician, and President Robert E. Naylor discussed the design and purpose of the building. James E. Coggins, chairman of the board of trustees; L. B. Reavis, director of development; Charles Lloyd, student council president; F. Howard Walsh, chairman of the trustee building committee; and Herman Smith, advisory council member and contractor, participated on the program.

President Naylor described the design of the building as "functional." "In theological terms that word makes it relevant," he quipped.

The building will be named

## BMC Students Pledge To Help Raise Funds For Student Union Building

Students of Blue Mountain College made such an enthusiastic appeal to members of the Student Government Council concerning the early erection of a Student Union building that the Council immediately requested its president Nancy Chamberlain of Grenada to discuss the matter with the college president, E. Harold Fisher. After this initial conference Miss Chamberlain transferred the good news from President Fisher, who approved the idea and the appointment of a special SGA Committee to be elected by the Council.

The approved SGA Committee elected to convey ideas for raising funds to justify the early beginning of the erection of the Blue Mountain Student Union Building, composed of the following young women: Sandra Murphy of Eupora, Vice President of the Student Government Council; chairman of the "SUB" Drive; Kathy McKinney of Miami, Florida, treasurer of the drive; Linda Simmons of Grenada; Ginger Herrington of Rayville, Louisiana; and Sandra Starmer of Rome, Italy.

During a student assembly of last Thursday all students pledged their efforts toward the plan.

By authorization of the Board of Trustees of the College all Blue Mountain students were encouraged to par-

ticipate in their own way with their own ideas in raising \$15,000 by January 15, 1969. If this goal is attained by the specified date, the trustees of the college will support and supply the remaining amount of \$45,000 toward the approximated building cost of \$90,000 and pledged to complete any amount which might be necessary in addition at the time of final erection.

Blue Mountain's Student Union building is to include a center of modern facilities which will extend the adequacy of assemblies, student sales of special items, division, social meetings, snack areas and many other compartments.

Members of the executive board of the BMC Alumni Association have pledged a substantial gift to the "SUB" Drive for the best title of its Alumni Bulletin which is edited in the department of public relations and mailed to approximately 7,000 former students and graduates five times annually.

As of this date, Miss Murphy, chairman of the "SUB" Drive launched by all students of Blue Mountain College, said, "Three hundred dollars has already been donated. Dr. R. C. McGlamery of Ripley, member of the College Medical Staff and husband of a Blue Mountain alumna, Orlene Ellis McGlamery, presented the first check for the Stu-

Rhodesian WMU Has Writers' Workshop

The women of the Baptist

Mission of Rhodesia (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) met recently at the Baptist camp near Gwelo for their first Woman's Mis-

sionary Union literature writers' workshop. They had as

guests some African Baptist

women leaders with whom

they exchanged ideas for cur-

riculum and illustrative mate-

rials to make weekly mission

programs more meaningful

for Rhodesian Baptists.

## SAIGON

## ROCKET DAMAGES HOME; MISSIONARIES UNHURT

A 122-mm. Soviet-built rocket slammed into the home of Southern Baptist Missionary Robert C. Davis, Jr., and his family in Saigon, Vietnam, October 31, but all persons in the house escaped injury, reported Rev. James F. Humphries, missionary in Saigon.

The rocket exploded in the laundry room about 25 feet from the table where the family and Missionary Journeyman Diane Hall were seated as they ate their dessert at

the close of the evening meal.

The Davises' heavy teaching schedule that day had delayed the meal until 9:00 p.m.

"Despite the impact of the blast which sent shrapnel flying in all directions, the only casualty was the family cat, whose tail was cut by shrapnel," Mr. Humphries wrote.

"Damage to the main part of the house was light."

This was the third time rockets had landed near the

## ORGANIZE FOR CRUSADE

## HONDURAN RETREAT DRAWS 90 LAYMEN



MISSIONARY ARTHUR R. HAYLOCK instructs men in methods of conducting church services and preparing sermons. They are attending the first laymen's retreat of the Honduras Baptist Convention, held at Camp Bagope, a Baptist assembly at Lake Yojoa. Ninety adults and eight children attended the retreat. (Photo by Leslie G. Keyes)



A PASTOR'S WIFE stands to comment during the first laymen's retreat of the Honduras Baptist Convention. One purpose of the retreat was to prepare laymen for participation in the Crusade of the Americas—(Photo by Leslie G. Keyes)



MISSIONARY LESLIE G. KEYES sines up a bass he caught in Lake Yojoa, in Honduras, during the recent laymen's retreat. The lake furnished 123 bass for the retreat.

## 432 MAKE DECISIONS IN M'LANG

Four hundred and thirty-two decisions were registered during an October 6-12 "Christian Emphasis Week" at Southern Baptist College in M'lang, on the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines. Included were 296 professions of faith and 14 decisions for Christian vocations. Forty-two persons were baptized on the Sunday following their decisions.

The student evangelistic meetings were held in preparation for the 1968 New Life Crusade (November 10-December 8) in Philippine Baptist churches. Similar student evangelism programs were held in other Philippine university centers.



## 1st, Columbus, To Assist Church In Massachusetts

Calvary Church, Framingham, Massachusetts, one of the eight Southern Baptist churches in the state, has approved plans for the construction of a new building. The structure, designed to seat 180 in worship and 208 in Sunday school, will cost \$103,300.00. Financing is currently being secured, to allow construction to begin.

The church, during the past associational year, has baptized 18 and received 28 members by letter, increasing its membership to 85.

The church ministers to residents in some ten towns near the greater Boston area. The pastor, Rev. Gordon H. Sather, former Mississippian, welcomes information about Southern Baptist families who have moved into these areas. Address him at 6 Upton Road, Framingham, Mass., 01701.

Pastor Sather writes that First Church, Columbus, Miss., is underwriting a portion of their Home Mission Board loan, and will be helping support the church.

port their work for the next five years.

This came about through the report in the BR of the work of a student missionary, Linda Land, leading a VBS in the church, and correspondence, following that, with Mrs. John Barber, Harperville, with a later visit to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barber of Columbus.

### Bahia Baptists Urge Full Self-Support

The amount of mission money going to Baptist work in the state of Bahia, Brazil, has been reduced by half in five years, according to information released at the recent meeting of the Bahia Baptist convention.

Five years ago the state board received 60 percent of its support from mission funds; this year it will be 30 percent. Next year it is expected to be 25 percent, says Rev. Ira S. Perkins, missionary to North Brazil, who reported on the Bahia meeting.

A pastor, addressing messengers in First Baptist Church, Jequie, where the convention meeting was held, called for a forward thrust that would make the state mission board financially free of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by 1970.



Rev. Charley Bryant

### Smith County Calls Missionary

Smith County Association has called Rev. Charley L. Bryant as superintendent of Missions.

He has served as pastor of several churches in the state which include: Kokomo, Hickory Flat, Harmony — Vicksburg, Noxapater, and Fellowship — Taylorsville.

Bryant served as chaplain and public relations director for four years at Mississippi State Penitentiary.

He will assume his new duties as Superintendent of Missions on November 15, and will live in Raleigh.

10 A. M. TO 12 NOON EACH DAY

Dr. W. D. Laws, Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board will be present.

The clinics will deal with plans for evangelism in 1969 with special emphasis on the CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS.

L. Gordon Sansing,  
Director of the Department of Evangelism

## Year-Old Church

### To Begin First New Building

Members of Immanuel Church, Greenwood, plan a special all-day service on November 17, at Greenwood Youth Center. Sunday School will begin at 9:45. Following the 11 a. m. worship service, all present are invited to remain and have lunch at the Youth Center.

The special service is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p. m. On this day, the members plan to make additions to the church's land and building fund to be used to pay the balance due on the land, and then as soon as possible to begin construction on the church's first building. A special message will be brought by Rev. Jimmy Dukes.

Immanuel Church organized on October 15, 1967, also on that date adopted its Constitution and called as its interim pastor, Rev. Leon Emery, associate director, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Under Emery's leadership, the membership has increased to 110, and Sunday school and Training Union Enrollment is 117 and 98 respectively. Also active WMU and Brotherhood organizations have been organized.

The place selected for the church building includes seven lots in the Blue Lake addition to the City of Greenwood. The church members are working to pay off the balance on the land by January 1, 1969, and to begin construction as soon as possible. They plan to have the first building ready for use in 1969.

Anyone interested in making a gift to the church's Land and Building Fund is requested to contact John Roy Watson, 1924 Grenada Blvd., Greenwood, Mississippi, or L. V. Robertson, Jr., 806 Williamson St., Greenwood, Mississippi.

### Calvary, Jackson Licenses Preacher

Carl T. Dickerson was licensed to preach by Calvary Church, Jackson, October 16.

He is presently enrolled in Mississippi College where he is a senior.

He plans to enter New Orleans Theological Seminary next year.

He is married to the former Margaret Seben who has also attended Mississippi College.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Dickerson of Jackson.

## Rolling Fork

### Retires Debt

First Church, Rolling Fork will have a special service in connection with its total debt retirement on Sunday, November 17, at 10:45 a. m.

The service will include the burning of the notes. A former pastor, Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, will deliver the morning message. Satterwhite is now serving as pastor of Bay Springs Church. It was during his ministry that Rolling Fork constructed the educational building.

Rev. Reese E. Kyzar, present pastor of Rolling Fork, First Church, joins the membership in inviting all former members and friends to attend this significant program of Thanksgiving and praise.

An "old-fashioned dinner on the ground" will follow the morning service.

### Holcomb Ordained To The Ministry

Rev. Elford Holcomb, Jr. was ordained to the gospel ministry on October 15. He has accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Philadelphia. Rev. S. J. Meaders, pastor of Skylane Church, assisted in the service.

Rev. Joe Holcomb, brother of the candidate, delivered the ordination sermon. Both Joe Holcomb and Elford Holcomb, Jr. are students at Clarke College, Newton. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Elford Holcomb of Route 1, Pontotoc.

Others taking part in the service were Rev. Eugene Walden, Rev. Guy Pickens, Rev. Frank Cayson, and Grady Palmer.

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## Choice Training Union Leadership In Jackson For Convention

The Baptist Sunday School Board and some neighboring states are contributing some of their best leadership to provide an unusual training opportunity for Training workers in Mississippi.

The occasion is the Training Union Leadership Convention to be held December 30-31, at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Here is a schedule of conferences and conference leaders for the convention:



### General Officers

JAMES WHALEY, Director of the Kentucky Training Union Department, Middletown.



Directors of New Church Member Orientation  
FOREST WATKINS, Consultant in General Administration, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.



### Adult Workers

BOB COOK, Consultant in Adult Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.



### Young People

MRS. LEE GABAN, Approved Young People's Worker, Florida Training Union Department, Ft. Pierce.



### Intermediate Workers

BOB TAYLOR, Consultant in Intermediate Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.



### Junior Work

MISS MARGARET SHARP, Consultant in Junior Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.



### Primary Work

BILL KING, director of Elementary Work, Texas Training Union Department, Dallas.



### Beginner Work

MISS NORA PADGETT, Consultant in Beginner Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.



### Nursery Work

MISS DORIS MORGAN, Director of Elementary Work, North Carolina Training Union Department, Raleigh.

Ralph Langley of Houston, Texas, and Homer Martinez of Fort Worth, Texas, will be speaking to the group during the two-day convention. Music leadership will be shared by Claude Rhea of Richmond, Virginia, and Doug Scott, of Mobile, Alabama.

In addition, during general sessions there will be dramatic features to add to the inspiration of the music and messages.

## Leesburg Pastor To Retire Soon

Rev. R. W. Porter has resigned as pastor of the Leesburg Church effective Jan. 1, 1969. At that time he will retire from the active pastorate but will be available as supply or interim pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Porter will move to Clinton, and make their home at 623 Bellevue.

The pulpit committee for the Leesburg church is Leon Tadlock, Rt. 2, Morton, chairman, James Parker and J. D. McKay, of Pelahatchie, Rt. 1.

## TOURING HOLY LAND

Rev. Luther Price of the First Church left Jackson November 6 for New York, where he will join others for a tour of the Holy Land.

This tour was given him in appreciation for his ministry at the church during the past three years. He will be returning to Jackson November 21.

# The Sunday School Lesson

## THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON- LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM- Walking In The Light

By Clifton J. Allen

1 John 1:5 to 2:6; 3:1-10;

3 John

We are to have three lessons from the letters of John. These are among the latest writings of the New Testament. A major purpose of 1 John was to combat gnosticism, a philosophy particularly rampant in Asia Minor, which was a serious hindrance to the Christian faith. This letter, therefore, deals with crucially important doctrines: the nature of Christ as both human and divine, the reality of sin, the reality of the new birth, the evidence of Christian experience, and the obligation of sonship to God. The Gnostics, holding all matter to be evil, denied the reality of Jesus' humanity. Also, some claimed that his deity came on him at his baptism and left him before his death.

### The Lesson Explained

#### Fellowship With God

Verses 1:5-7

The Gnostics claimed a mystical, superior fellowship with God which ignored matters of right and wrong. John repudiated this false teaching by emphasizing the reality and moral nature of the Christian's fellowship with God. John declared a central truth about God: "God is light." This is not a definition but a description of God. It emphasizes his opposition to evil. If one is in fellowship with God, he is in fellowship with light. He is in harmony with truth and purity. A test of Christian faith is that one has broken with sin, that he no longer walks in darkness, and that he hates whatever partakes of iniquity. John speaks with rugged frankness and says that we lie when we claim to be Christians and have not broken away from the darkness of evil. But if we are walking in the light, if we are committed to truth and righteousness, we meet the condition of being in intimate fellowship with God. Also, then we have fellowship "with one another," with other believers walking in the light. As we walk in the light, we will of course be conscious of our imperfection; but then we have the assurance that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from sin.

### Sin In The Christian Life

Verses 1:8 to 2:2

John sought to correct false ideas about sin. Sin is a reality, and the sin principle operates in human experience. To be a Christian does not mean to be sinless. The Christian who claims to be sinless deceives himself. This simply faces facts and reminds us of our continuous dependence on the forgiving grace of God. When we do commit acts of sin, which we will do in weakness, if we confess our sins to God with genuine penitence, he may be trusted to forgive us and to cleanse us from all kinds of sin and guilt. If a

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## The Gospel For The Gentile

By Bill Duncan

Acts 8:25-40

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John's word gives us no encouragement to yield to our sinful inclinations. In fact, he states that his purpose is to keep us from sin. The truth is impressed that when a Christian sins through weakness or ignorance, there is a way of forgiveness. Jesus Christ is our advocate, our intercessor. His sacrifice on the cross provided atonement for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. On this basis, we can claim the forgiveness of the Heavenly Father. The proof of our faith is found in whether or not we are genuinely penitent when we do wrong, whether we earnestly desire God's forgiveness and a renewal of our fellowship with him before his death.

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## DEVOTIONAL

## Whatsoever Ye Sow

By Russell M. McIntire, Pastor, 1st, Clinton

The modern world is obsessed with the idea of a good time, a new thrill. The life we live seems to center in an amusement park world where we try to go from one thrill to another. One college man wrote a paper complaining against disciplines of the older generation. He said: "I want you of the older generation to get acquainted with the guy called 'Kick.' He's a wonderful guy; he gives you thrills." The professor, one of the "older generation," wrote a footnote to the boy's paper, "You will soon get acquainted with another guy, my young friend; his name is 'Kick-Back.' He's always behind the other fellow and always gets the last kick." Dr. E. Stanley Jones in his book *The Way* reminds us that if you strip off the beginning of the word "thrill," all you have left is the word "ill."

This is what the Scripture is trying to tell us. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man sows, shall he also reap." When you work for sin you must pick up your paycheck. Sin pays off and keeps on paying off. And remember, "The wages of sin is death!" Always!

Remember too, however, that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The answer to the hunger within our souls is found in Him alone.



## Seven Years At Flora

NOVEMBER 3 WAS DESIGNATED AS Pastor Appreciation Day by Flora Church to honor Rev. James E. Walker, at left, pastor for the past seven years. Walker moved to Flora Church in November 1961 from East Philadelphia Church, Neshoba County. He has also served Simmons Memorial Mission, Liberty Church, Salem Church, and West Kemper Church. Son of Mrs. G. L. Walker of Meridian, he surrendered to the ministry in April, 1951, at Mt. Horeb Church, Meridian. John B. Riley, at right, Flora, Chairman of Deacons, presented Walker with a check for \$200.00 as a love gift from the church.

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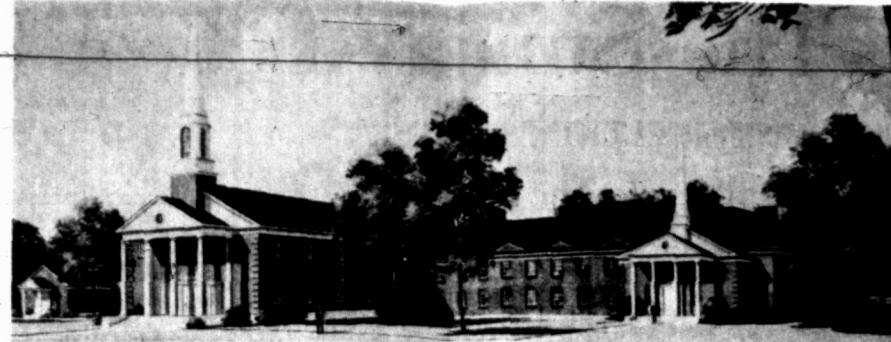
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Architect's drawing is pictured, of the long-range building plan for Second Church, Greenville, in its new location. The education building and interim auditorium have been completed to date. Rev. Roy D. Raddin is pastor.



Closing services were held at the old location of Second Church, Greenville, on South Theobald Street, Sunday, October 27. Above is the exterior, and below is the interior of the old church auditorium.



## SECOND, GREENVILLE, RELOCATES

Closing services at the old location of Second Baptist Church, Greenville, were held on Sunday, October 27. The old location was on South Theobald Street and the church had spent its complete 30-year history at that location. The church consisted of six separate buildings constructed over the years. The main auditorium at the old location was built in 1952.

Sunday, November 3—the church held the first services at its new location, Corner Reed Road and Colorado, and in its new building. The building was constructed by H. I. Melton Company and is valued at \$323,750.00. Kaplan & Oakman, AIA, Architects designed the structure and was assisted by the architectural department of the Southern Baptist Convention. The sixteen departments have a capacity of 546 and seating of the auditorium is 315. The present structure is the first of three units to be built by Second Baptist Church.

During the opening services the church was completely filled and chairs were placed in the aisles. This first Sunday in the new church was also Demonstration Day in the annual Forward Program emphasis. The Fellowship Banquet, in connection with the Forward Program, was held on Wednesday night, November 6, with a capacity attendance in the Fellowship Hall with approximately 300.

Rev. Roy D. Raddin has served as pastor of Second Baptist Church for the past 5

years and the church has had only three other pastors in its 30-year history.

The church broadcasts the morning services over WGVM

During opening service of Second, Greenville, at the new location on Corner Reed Road and Colorado, the auditorium was completely filled and chairs placed in aisles.

## Family Life Conference Held In Lee County

According to Rev. Harold Anderson, superintendent of missions, 2,343 people attended one or more sessions of the Family Life Conference held in the Tupelo area under the auspices of the Lee County Baptist Association and the Christian Action Commission November 3-5.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Commission Director, and Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland and a member of the Commission, conducted the various conferences.

On Sunday they spoke at Guntown, Nettleton, Calvary, Tupelo Second Baptist, Birmingham Ridge, Bissell, Euclid, and Verona. In the afternoon, a Teen Rally was held at Parkway.

On Monday and Tuesday

nights, twin sessions were held at Saltillo and Shannon with conferences for Teens at 7:00 p.m. and for Adults at 8:00 p.m. Movies on facets of Christian Action Commission concerns were shown to the alternate groups at each place.

Two sessions were held with the pastors on "The Church's Ministry to the Family" and "Pre-marital Counseling." A special conference was held for Senior Citizens, one for career women, one for men, and one for parents of pre-teens. These were held at Calvary, Harrisburg and First Church.

Assemblies were arranged in high schools at Saltillo, Mooresville, Nettleton and Belden.

Members serving on the Lee County Christian Action Com-

mittee, who planned the conference, are Rev. W. T. Dixon, Dr. Sam Shepard, Rev. Mack Rutledge, Rev. Robert Shirley, moderator, and Rev. Hartold Anderson.

## Missionary Loses Father

Graham C. Coats, Sr., father of Mrs. Cecil F. Roberson, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, died October 30 in Meridian, Miss. Mrs. Roberson may be addressed at 607 N. Jefferson St., Clinton, Miss., 39056.

"Don't feel sorry for yourself—feel sorry for the folks who have to live with you." —Frank Bridges, The Smithville (Texas) Times.

## Baptist Book Store Located In Norfolk

NORFOLK (BP)—The 51st Baptist Book Store owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was dedicated here Oct. 1.

Described by Reuben Alley, editor of the Religious Herald as "a symbol of man's search for truth," the new store traces its history back 14 years. In a resolution adopted April 5, 1855, the Norfolk Baptist Association invited the Sunday School Board to locate a book store in the Norfolk area.

The Norfolk store brings to three the number of stores located in Virginia. Other stores are located in Richmond and Roanoke.

## Names In The News

A Baptist Army officer and his wife in South Africa desire to correspond with Baptists in the United States, and receive used Christian magazines from them. He is Purves N. Roux, 200 Main Road, Maitland, C. P., South Africa. We suggest that before sending magazines you begin to correspond with Mr. Roux to learn more of his needs.

Dr. J. C. Wells, "retired" missionary, former Mississippian, now member of First Church, New Orleans, spoke in conferences at Luks Oct. 27-Nov. 1 and at Booneville Nov. 3-8. He recently spoke in Kentucky at Schools of Missions and one-week meeting in Marshland, Mo. He will be visiting speaker in Amarillo, Texas, and in Tyler-town, Texas, during December.

Mrs. James (Joyce) Odom of Tupelo, was called as pastor's secretary on October 9, at First Church, Huntsville, Alabama. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. N. Loden and the late Mr. Loden of Tupelo.

Mrs. Odom attended Itawamba Junior College, Clarke College, and Mississippi College, where she graduated with distinction and received the B. M. E. Degree with a major in voice in 1966. She also holds her Mississippi Teachers Certificate. Before going to Huntsville, Mrs. Odom served as organist and part-time secretary at First Church, Greenwood, Mississippi, where she also directed Beginner and Primary Choirs and accompanied Primary, Junior, Youth, and Adult Choirs. She served Van Winkle Methodist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, as organist for over two years and has experience in private piano, organ, and voice teaching. Her most recent employment was with The Baptist Record, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson. Mr. Odom is a counselor with the Vocation-

al Rehabilitation service, 407 Governors Drive, Huntsville.

Miss Mattie A. Baker, 77, emeritus missionary, died October 24 in Nichols, S. C., where she made her home. Miss Baker was a missionary to South Brazil for 36 years before her retirement in 1959.

Mrs. E. B. Powell, Sr., mother of Mrs. H. Jerold Palmer, Jr., missionary to Nigeria, died October 31 in Newport News, Va. Mrs. Palmer may be addressed at P. O. Box 71, Kafanchan, Nigeria, West Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. McGlamery of Ripley were special guests on Monday, November 11, at First Church, Pontotoc. Mrs. McGlamery led the mission study for the WMS Day Society. Both she and her husband were speakers at an evening meeting which began with a church-wide covered dish supper, and was jointly sponsored by the WMS Night Society and the Brotherhood. Dr. W. Leon Moore is pastor.

Rev. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, was chapel speaker at Clarke College on November 7.



ALICE TEAL has received a YWA Citation, the first girl in Leflore Association to achieve this honor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Teal of Phillipston community. Her pastor is Rev. A. R. Garrison, and her YWA director is Mrs. Vernon Faulkner.



## Grace Memorial To Enter Remodeled Sanctuary

On Sunday, November 10, the congregation of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, worshipped in their remodeled auditorium. Their church was virtually destroyed by fire on November 26, 1967.

The church will have its formal dedication and homecoming on Sunday, November 17. After the morning worship service, there will be dinner at the church with each family bringing their lunch. The dedication service will be immediately after dinner. There will be a week of dedication activities in the week following the dedication on Sunday.

The important question that Philip asked was, "If thou believest with all thine heart?" The response of faith in conversion was, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." At that moment I believe this one was saved. The Gospel for the Gentiles is based upon ones belief about and in Jesus Christ.

The act of baptism was important for the confirmation of what had happened in the heart of the man. His baptism was one step in the maturity of salvation. The believer wants to follow the example of Christ and profess his faith in this symbolic way. It is well to point out that according to the scripture immersion was the mood.

The educational facilities are completely modern and



## Spring Hill Burns Note

Deacons of Spring Hill Church, Marshall County, look on as the pastor, Rev. Clyde Thompson, burns the note, leaving the church debt-free. The noteburning-dedication service was observed October 24 in a ceremony led by the pastor. The building now is a \$50,000 brick structure, the interior beautifully decorated. The deacons are, left to right, C. B. Ash, W. T. Young, H. Q. Barber, Jack Robinson, and H. L. Germany.